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# Suspects in France Report Link to Iran's Secret Service

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PARIS, March 26 — Eight people suspected of planning terrorist bombings in France have told investigators that they have links to Iran's secret service and to Moslem fundamentalist groups in Lebanon, French officials said today.

The seven men and one woman, most of them Tunisians who live in France, were arrested in a police raid last weekend.

The arrests, the Interior Ministry said in a statement Wednesday night, broke up a "terrorist network" that was "planning to undertake particularly dangerous attacks in France."

Members of the group are also suspected of having been involved in a series of bombings last September intended to coerce the French Government into releasing Middle Eastern terrorists. Ten people were killed and more than 160 wounded in the bomb attacks in crowded commercial districts of Paris.

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The police mounted an intensive effort, including the stationing of thousands of extra security policemen in Paris, to prevent a resumption of the attacks, particularly after a Paris court handed down a life sentence last month to George Ibrahim Abdallah, a Lebanese terrorist leader.

The arrests were being viewed as a major breakthrough by French officials. "We have arrested a group of important terrorists," Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, said.

Officials said the roundup came as a result of information provided by the police in West Germany after the arrest there in January of two brothers, Mohammed Ali and Abbas Hamadei, suspected of involvement in the hijacking of a T.W.A. airliner in 1985.

At the time of the arrest here of the eight suspects, the French police found 12 bottles of what they called a "very powerful" liquid explosive. They said it was the same type as that carried by the Hamadei brothers when they were arrested, which suggested to investigators here that both groups could have the same backers.

Some of the eight have told investigators that they had ties both to Iran directly and to the Party of God, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon believed to be holding French and American hostages there.

Officials here declined to say if the group's members claimed to have received instructions or help directly from Iran's secret services or if they simply had strong pro-Iranian sentiments. The police, however, have observed that some made several trips to Iran.

"There's a little bit of everything in this," one official said when asked to describe the group's ties.

The eight have been described by officials here as Moslem fundamentalists most of whom have been established in France for some time. One, Hassan Aroua, 33 years old, is a taxi driver; another, Mohammed Aissa, 38, worked in a restaurant in Paris. Both are Tunisians.

Agence France-Presse, citing judicial sources, said tonight that one of the eight, Mohammed Mouhajer, a 34-year-old French citizen who was born in Baalbek in Lebanon, is a founding member of the Party of God, the pro-Iranian group.

Policemen making the arrests reportedly found notes and records in Arabic code that may indicate the identities of other members of the group as well as the site of arms caches.

The Tunisian Ambassador to France, Moustapha Zanouni, said here today that six of the eight were known by the Tunisian police to be members of Islamic Holy War. Western intelligence analysts believe the name Islamic Holy War stands for several pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon. The Ambassador said the six had been declared "undesirable" by the Tunisian Government and had taken refuge in France.